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**Division of Plant Industry
Organic Certification Program**

Organic Livestock Plan Questionnaire: Slaughter/Dairy

Please fill out this form if you are requesting organic certification of slaughter stock (beef, sheep, etc.) and dairy stock. Poultry producers should use the Organic Poultry Plan Questionnaire. A separate organic Farm Plan Questionnaire must be filled out if you are growing your own feed or other organic crops for sale. Use additional sheets if necessary. Attachments required with questionnaire: Directions to your farm/ranch operation; map showing all fields, pasture areas and buildings; water test of primary source of drinking water (if applicable); and Pasture History Sheets.

QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED AND TYPED OR IN INK

General Information					
Applicant/Company Name (This is what will be printed on your certificate)				DBA (if applicable)	
Owner's Name:		Manager's Name:		Primary Contact's Name:	
Physical Address:		City:	State:	Zip Code:	County:
Mailing Address:		City:	State:	Zip Code:	County:
Phone:		Fax:		Email:	
Year first certified:	List previous organic certification by other agencies:	List current organic certification by other agencies:		Do you understand the organic standards? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Year when last complete Livestock Plan Questionnaire was last submitted:					
For re-certification, were conditions placed on your last year's certification? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, what were the conditions?					
Were all conditions addressed?					
Have you ever been denied certification? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		If yes, describe the circumstances:			
Do you have any outstanding noncompliances? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		If yes, what is the noncompliance(s)?			

Livestock Operation Profile – Livestock Types

For the current year indicate the maximum number of animals of each type of livestock (O - organic, C - conventional)

Livestock type	Number of total animals	# of Females		# of Males		# of Castrated Males		# of Young Stock	
		O	C	O	C	O	C	O	C
Meat									
Beef Cattle									
Sheep/lamb									
Swine									
Goats									
Buffalo									
Other									
Dairy									
Dairy Cattle									
Goats									
other									
Fiber									
Sheep									
Goats									
Other									
Breeding Stock									
Cattle									
Sheep									
Goats									
Swine									
Other									

NOP Rule 205.236(c) requires that a producer of an organic livestock operation must maintain records sufficient to preserve the identity of all organically managed animals and edible and nonedible animal products produced on the operation. Individual identification is required of large animals and "lot" identification of small animals.

1) Describe your animal identification system: _____

2) Do you raise all animals on your operation from birth? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3) Are animals purchased for your operation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, why types and growth stages are typically purchased? _____

Describe the flow of animals through your operation. This can be done in a narrative form or in a flow chart or diagram.

(Example for beef cattle: calves born from organic mothers, raised 100% on the operation, steers and some heifers finished on grass with supplemental grain until ready for slaughter, selected heifers breed at 18 months and moved into the herd for breeder stock. Older cows, if organic, are culled and sold for organic meat. Culled cows that were not organic are sold on the conventional market)

SECTION 1: Livestock Origin Information

NOP Rule 205.236

Livestock origin and management under the NOP: All livestock, except dairy animals or breeder stock: Must be from livestock under continuous organic management from the last third of gestation.

A. SLAUGHTER LIVESTOCK

Livestock products from slaughter stock intended for sale as organic must be from livestock under continuous organic management from the last third of gestation.

1) Do you raise organic livestock for slaughter? ☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, skip to dairy livestock)

2) Do you purchase replacement slaughter animals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you purchase replacement slaughter animals, complete the following table.

(Use additional pages if necessary.)

TYPE OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASED	NUMBER OF HEAD PURCHASED	DATE OF PURCHASE	PURCHASE SOURCE (NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER)	CERTIFIED BY WHAT AGENT?

3) What means of identification do you use to identify animals that are purchased and brought on to your operation?

4) Do you maintain organic certificates for all purchased livestock? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A (if no livestock is purchased)

5) Do you raise or sell dairy animals intended for organic slaughter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are these animals raised organically from the last third of gestations? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

B. DAIRY LIVESTOCK

Milk or milk products must be from animals that have been under continuous organic management beginning no later than 1 year prior to the production of the milk or milk products that are to be sold, labeled, or represented as organic, Except, (i) That, crops and forage from land, included in the organic system plan of a dairy farm, that is in the third year of organic management may be consumed by the dairy animals of the farm during the 12-month period immediately prior to the sale of organic milk and milk products; and (iii) Once an entire, distinct herd has been converted to organic production, all dairy animals shall be under organic management from the last third of gestation.

1) Do you raise dairy animals? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, skip to breeder stock.

2) Are you currently converting a dairy herd to organic production? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3) What method of conversion are you implementing? ☐ N/A

4) List the date that you began your conversion: _____

5) Do you purchase organic heifers? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If yes, are they certified organic? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

6) Do you sell culled cows for slaughter? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Complete the following table for all dairy animals purchased

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

TYPE OF DAIRY LIVESTOCK PURCHASED	NUMBER OF HEAD PURCHASED	DATE OF PURCHASED	PROJECTED OR REAL BIRTHING DATE	PURCHASE SOURCE	CERTIFIED BY WHAT AGENT?

C. BREEDER STOCK

Livestock used as breeder stock may be brought from a non-organic operation onto an organic operation at any time, provided, that if such livestock are gestating and the offspring are to be raised as organic livestock, the breeder stock must be brought onto the facility no later than the last third of gestation.

1) Do you bring breeder stock onto your operation from a non-organic operation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2) Are the offspring from these animals to be raised as organic livestock? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

3) What records do you have that document that the breeder stock was brought onto the facility no later than the last third of gestation? _____

Note: You must maintain records sufficient to preserve the identity of all organically managed animals and edible and nonedible animal products produced on the operation.

Section 2: Feed

NOP Rule 205.237

The NOP rules requires that livestock producers provide livestock with a total feed ration composed of agricultural products, including pasture and forage, that are organically produced and, if applicable, organically handled: Except, that nonsynthetic substances and synthetic substances allowed under 205.603 may be used as feed additives and supplements. (attach labels of purchased feed.)

A. FEED

LIVESTOCK	FEED (INCLUDE PASTURE)	% OF RATION
Example	Ground corn Grass pasture	10 90
Females		
Males		

Castrated males		
Young stock		
Other		

- 1) Is your feed ration sufficient to meet nutritional requirements of each type of livestock and stage of growth, including vitamins, minerals, protein and/or amino acids, fatty acids, energy sources, and fiber (ruminants)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2) Have you used any drugs or hormones to promote growth? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3) Have you fed the livestock with any plastic pellets for roughage? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4) Have you fed the livestock with any formulas containing urea or manure? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5) Have you fed mammalian or poultry slaughter by-products to any mammals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6) Do you raise any feed on your farm? ☐ yes ☐ no If yes, please complete Organic Farm Plan Questionnaire.

7) Do you purchase feed for your livestock? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you purchase, complete the following table.

TYPE OF PURCHASED FEED	QUANTITY PURCHASED/ TO BE PURCHASED	SOURCE(S)	CERTIFIED BY WHAT AGENT?

8) Do you process feed (mix, grind, roast, extrude, etc.) on-farm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, is the equipment also used to process non-organic products? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how is equipment cleaned prior to processing organic feed to prevent contamination? _____

9) Do you use equipment to feed livestock that is also used to handle non-organic feed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how is equipment cleaned prior to handling organic feed to prevent contamination? _____

10) What is your plan for emergency feed supplies? _____

11) Do you pasture all livestock? ☐ yes ☐ no If no, describe which livestock are not pastured. _____

If yes, include a map of pastures/paddocks and ID No. and complete Pasture History Sheets.

B. FEED SUPPLEMENTS AND ADDITIVES:☐ No supplements used*List all feed supplements and additives, including silage inoculants, preservatives, etc. (attach copies of labels):*

Organic standards require that no genetically engineered products be used in organic production systems. Any supplements/additives that contain conventionally grown corn, soybeans, cotton products, etc., have the potential to be from genetically engineered sources unless the label specifically states such product is free of genetically engineered products. Many products like mineral blocks have agricultural products such as molasses as carriers. All agricultural products in these types of materials must be organic.

FEED SUPPLEMENT/ ADDITIVE	WHICH LIVESTOCK AND GROWTH STAGE	SOURCE	NATURAL/ SYNTHETIC	ALLOWED/ RESTRICTED	REASON FOR USE

12) Do you provide feed supplements or additives in amounts above those needed for adequate nutrition and health maintenance for the species at its specific stage of life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

C. FEED STORAGE:

Describe your feed storage locations:

STORAGE ID#	TYPE OF FEED STORED	TYPE OF STORAGE	CAPACITY	ORGANIC (O), CONVENTIONAL (C)

13) How do you control rodents in organic feed storage areas?

☐ No rodent problems

Water used for organic livestock must be potable and readily accessible. Water tests for coli-form bacteria, nitrates and/or known contaminants should be provided.

1) What are your sources of water for livestock use?

☐ on-site well ☐ municipal ☐ river/creek/pond ☐ spring ☐ other _____

2) What is the date of your last water test for coli-form bacteria and nitrates? _____ (Attach copy)

3) If you use additives in the water, list them and state reason for use:

☐ No additives used

4) Describe any water contamination problems on your operation: ☐ No contamination problems

5) If livestock have access to a river, creek, or pond, how do you prevent bank erosion? ☐ No access

Livestock Health Care Practice Standard **NOP Rule 205.238**

Organic standards require a proactive health management program to prevent health problems and potential use of prohibited materials. If prohibited treatments are used, the treated animals and/or their products may not be sold as organic, according to certification agency requirements. Records must be kept of all treatments.

HEALTH MANAGEMENT

A. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1) Identify the general components of your animal health management program:

- ☐ selective breeding ☐ raise own replacement stock ☐ isolation for purchased/diseased animals ☐ culling
- ☐ vaccinations ☐ good sanitation ☐ access to outdoors ☐ dry bedding ☐ good ventilation in housing
- ☐ good quality feed ☐ pasture rotation ☐ nutritional supplements ☐ probiotics
- ☐ other: _____

2) Does the physical setup of the operation allow for the livestock to get exercise, have freedom of movement and reduce stress as is appropriate to the species? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you perform any physical operations (surgical procedures) needed to promote the animal's welfare, include them in the table below?

Practice	Why used	How do you minimize pain and stress on the animals?
Castration		
Dehorning		
Tail docking		
Other		

List any livestock diseases or health concerns that could affect or currently affect your operation

Use additional sheets if necessary

Livestock Type	Growth Stage	Health Concern/Disease	How is concern addressed (Preventative Plan)

List all vaccinations used		
Use additional sheets if necessary		
Name of vaccination	Purpose of vaccination	At what age are animals vaccinated

Attach a copy of all labels for vaccines

List all other synthetic medications used that are included in 205.603.		
Use additional sheets if necessary		
Name of the medication	Illness	What preventative practice was not successful

Attach a copy of each label for medications used

Prohibited Substances that are Used.					
List any animals that have been treated with a prohibited substance since your previous livestock plan.					
Animal ID	Date	Medication	Illness	Preventative Practice that was Unsuccessful	What was done with the animal

- 3) Name and phone number of your veterinarian: _____
- _____
- 4) If a sick animal does not respond to treatment, what is your next course of action? _____
- _____

5) If an animal is treated with a prohibited material, what happens to the animal after treatment? _____

6) If a sick animal is treated with a prohibited material, how is the final product (i.e. milk) prevented from entering the organic market? _____

B. Fly Control: ☐ Not a problem

If flies are a problem in your operation, what do you do to prevent or control them? _____

C. Parasite Control: ☐ Not a problem

If internal or external parasites are a problem in your operation, what are they and how do you prevent or control them? _____

D. Predator Control: ☐ Not a problem

Check which predators you have problems with: ☐ hawks ☐ feral cats ☐ raccoons/skunks, etc.

☐ dogs ☐ foxes ☐ coyotes ☐ other _____

Describe how you handle predator problems in this table.

PREDATOR PROBLEM	CONTROLS USED	PRODUCTS USED	APPROVED (A) RESTRICTED(R) PROHIBITED (P)

If you use poison baits, list products in the table above. ☐ None used

Livestock Living Conditions	NOP Rule 205.239
<p>The NOP rules require that an organic livestock operation must establish and maintain livestock living conditions which accommodate the health and natural behavior of animals.</p>	
<p>1) How long are animals outdoors (hours per day)? _____ spring _____ summer _____ fall _____ winter</p>	
<p>2) What type of housing/shelter do you use? _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>3) Describe sizes (length x width) and number of animals per housing unit: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>4) What type(s) of bedding are used : <input type="checkbox"/> straw <input type="checkbox"/> sawdust <input type="checkbox"/> wood chips/shavings <input type="checkbox"/> gravel <input type="checkbox"/> sand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> other, describe: _____</p>	
<p>5) Is the bedding certified organic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> both - describe _____</p>	

- 6) If not, is bedding typically consumed by the animal species? ☐ Yes ☐ No (if it is typically consumed by the species it must comply with the feed requirements of 205.237)
- 7) How often is housing cleaned out? _____
- 8) How is housing cleaned? _____
- 9) Describe sanitation or cleaning products used: _____
- 10) What source(s) of light is used in animal housing? _____
- 11) Is day length regulated using artificial light? ☐ yes ☐ no
- 12) What outdoor areas other than pasture do animals use? _____
- 13) If your operation includes ruminants, describe their access to pasture. (How often animals are on pasture - hours per day, days per week, times of year pasturing occurs, etc. Have records available when inspection occurs.) _____
- 14) Are animals subject to temporary confinement? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If so, for what reason? ☐ Inclement weather ☐ Animal's state of production, describe _____
☐ Risk to soil or water quality ☐ Other conditions, please describe: _____
- 15) If animals are temporarily confined, provide examples. _____

The NOP Rule 205.239(c) rules require that the producer of an organic livestock operation must manage manure in a manner that does not contribute to contamination of crops, soil, or water by plant nutrients, heavy metals, or pathogenic organisms and optimizes recycling of nutrients.

- 1) How is manure managed on your operation? (storage, treatment, collection, utilization) _____
- 2) What forms of manure do you use: ☐ liquid ☐ semi-solid/piled ☐ fully composted
- 3) If manure from your livestock is used on your fields, describe how it is used (included months applied, rate of application, and field numbers where manure is applied. ☐ Not used
- 4) Acres of land available for manure application: _____
- 5) Estimated quantity of manure generated per year: _____ tons

6) List ingredients/additives (example: bedding, barn lime, inoculants, preservatives) _____

7) Describe your composting method(s): ☐ Composting not used

Organic standards require that milk handling procedures meet regulatory requirements for sanitation.

1) What type of milk handling system do you use: ☐ We are not a dairy operation

☐ pipeline ☐ automated ☐ step saver ☐ hand milking ☐ parlor ☐ tie stalls ☐ stanchions ☐ other _____

2) How are you licensed? ☐ Grade A ☐ Grade B ☐ other _____

3) Describe cleaning cycle for milking equipment and storage tanks. (water temperature, number of rinses, etc.) _____

4) Name of detergent used: _____

5) Name of acid cleaner used: _____

6) Name of sanitizer used: _____

7) Is a final clear water rinse used? ☐ Yes ☐ No, How do you verify that the rinse removed all residues of prohibited substances? _____

Report somatic cell counts for last six tests:

DATE	SCC	DATE	SCC	DATE	SCC

8) List products used to clean animals: ☐ None used

Teat dips _____

Udder washes _____

9) How often do you change inflations? _____

10) How many animals do you currently milk? _____

Report production for the last six 24 hour periods:

DATE	POUNDS PRODUCED	DATE	POUNDS PRODUCED	DATE	POUNDS PRODUCED

Transportation for slaughter. All slaughter facilities must be certified organic for the meat to be marketed as organic.

If you slaughter your livestock, complete a process/handling questionnaire:

☐ Do not slaughter

1) Name, address, and phone number of facility where your animals are slaughtered: _____

2) Contact person _____ Is the facility certified organic? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3) Who is the certifying agent? _____

4) What form of transportation is used? _____

5) How long does transportation take? _____

6) Are animals provided with food in transit? ☐ Yes ☐ No If food is provided, is it certified organic: ☐ Yes ☐ No

7) Are animals provided water in transit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8) Where are animals kept after delivery to slaughter facility but before slaughter? _____

9) How many hours from loading until time of slaughter? _____

10) Are organic animals kept separate from non-organic animals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Recordkeeping

NOP Rule 205.103

Organic producers are required to maintain records concerning the production, harvesting, and handling of organic livestock and livestock products. These records must fully disclose all activities and transactions of the operation in sufficient detail to be readily understandable and auditable and must be available for inspection and copying. The records must be sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the act and must be maintained for not less than five years. Types of records that must be kept include but are not limited to documentation of purchased animals and/or breeding records; purchased feed and feed supplements; health records; and sales/shipping records. Other required records include water tests and label information from purchased feed/feed supplements. Please have your records available for review by the inspector.

Check types of records you keep:

- ☐ documentation of purchased animals ☐ breeding ☐ purchased feed/feed supplements ☐ feed rations
☐ feed labels ☐ health ☐ somatic cell/plate count ☐ milk production ☐ sales ☐ feed storage
☐ shipping/transportation ☐ slaughter ☐ pasture usage log ☐ animal pasture access log
☐ Herbal remedies, natural remedies or other approved materials given to livestock ☐ other _____

Do you maintain records for at least five years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Marketing

How do you market your livestock and livestock products? ☐ farmers market ☐ direct to retail ☐ CSA/subscription service ☐ on-farm retail ☐ wholesale ☐ wholesale to processor ☐ contract to buyer ☐ other _____

In the development of this questionnaire we have tried to provide an opportunity to include all items required in the organic systems plan as required in § 205.201, organic production and handling system plan. § 205.201 states that:

(a) The producer or handler of a production or handling operation, except as exempt or excluded under §205.101, intending to sell, label, or represent agricultural products as “100 percent organic,” “organic,” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))” must develop an organic production or handling system plan that is agreed to by the producer or handler and an accredited certifying agent. An organic system plan must meet the requirements set forth in this section for organic production or handling. An organic production or handling system plan must include:

- (1) **A description of practices and procedures to be performed and maintained, including the frequency with which they will be performed.** *If through the completion of this questionnaire there are any practices or procedures that you perform that have not be described or documented include them here:* _____

- (2) **A list of each substance to be used as a production or handling input, indicating its composition, source, location(s) where it will be used, and documentation of commercial availability, as applicable;** *If through the completion of this questionnaire there are any substances that are used that have not been listed and documented, include them here and describe their composition, source, location where used and documentation of commercial availability if applicable.* _____

- (3) **A description of the monitoring practices and procedures to be performed and maintained, including the frequency with which they will be performed, to verify that the plan is effectively implemented;** *If through the completion of this questionnaire there are monitoring practices and procedures that you perform and maintain that are not listed and documented, include them here and describe the frequency they are performed. This may include how you train and monitor employees to ensure they follow appropriate practices for organic production.* _____

- (4) **A description of the recordkeeping system implemented to comply with the requirements established in §205.103;** *if during the completion of this questionnaire there are recordkeeping items that have not been described and documented that should be to comply with the recordkeeping keeping requirements in §205.103, make sure they are included here.* _____

- (5) **A description of the management practices and physical barriers established to prevent commingling of organic and non-organic products on a split operation and to prevent contact of organic production and handling operations and products with prohibited substances;** *if any management practices or physical barriers have not been described include them here.* _____

- (6) **Include any additional information that will help the Colorado Department of Agriculture determine if your operation meets the NOP rules. Attach additional sheets if this is needed.** _____

Section 9: Affirmation

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct. No prohibited products have been applied to any of my organically managed fields during the three-year period prior to projected harvest. I understand that the operation may be subject to unannounced inspection and/or sampling for residues at any time as deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with the NOP Rules. I understand that acceptance of this form in no way implies granting of certification by the Colorado Department of Agriculture. I agree to follow all the applicable organic standards set forth in the National Organic Program regulations, 7 CFR Part 205.

Signature of Operator: _____ Date: _____

The business is operating as a:

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Partnership

☐ Corporation

Date Incorporated: _____

☐ Other

Describe: _____

List the person(s) authorized to receive and accept service of summons and legal notices of all kinds for the applicant in the state of Colorado.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Complete Address: _____

I have attached the following additional documents:

- ☐ Notices of non-compliance or denial of certification from other certifying agencies
- ☐ Description of corrective actions taken regarding previous non-compliance(s) and evidence of such actions
- ☐ Maps of the operation (including pasture/rotational grazing areas and showing adjoining land use and identification)
- ☐ Water test, if applicable
- ☐ Labels of all vaccinations and medications
- ☐ Labels of minerals or feed additives
- ☐ Organic certifications for purchased animals
- ☐ Organic certifications for purchased feed
- ☐ Labels of cleaners, sanitizers, disinfectants
- ☐ Labels of pest control products
- ☐ Pasture History Sheet (if applicable)
- ☐ Inspection Appointment Form with directions to inspection location
- ☐ Others - please list: _____

☐ I have made copies of this form and other supporting documents for my own records.

Submit completed application, fees and supporting documentation to:

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